



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor Ron Gonzales

SUBJECT: Approval of nominations to the
Silicon Valley WIN Board of Directors

DATE: May 17, 2006

Approved

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5/17/06

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the following nominations to the San José Silicon Valley Workforce Investment Network Board of Directors:

Name	Organization	Sector
Jose Gonzalez	El Gallo Giro	Private
Brice Fukumoto	American Airlines	Private

BACKGROUND

Established in 2001, the Workforce Investment Network Board of Directors is composed of representatives of employers, educators, and economic development and community service organizations throughout its service area. Nominations for board appointments are regularly submitted to the Network office by current board members, outside businesses and community sources. These nominations are considered and evaluated for future appointments on an ongoing basis. The Workforce Investment Board currently has 37 members: 16 public sector and 21 business/private industry representatives.

Mr. Gonzalez is the regional district manager for El Gallo Giro, a new restaurant in San José. He is responsible for sales, supervision of food production and recipe specification, working with vendors and overseeing employee training. Prior to working for El Gallo Giro, Mr. Gonzalez was a Paisano Partner for Buca di Beppo and director of operations for La Fuente Restaurant Group. He is committed to customer service and satisfaction as well as ensuring that his restaurants are involved in the community.

Mr. Fukumoto is a general manager for American Airlines, where he leads a team of seven customer service managers overseeing all San José operational, performance and budgetary items for the airline. As the airline's highest ranking official at Mineta San José International

Airport, he supports passenger and cargo sales in promoting American Eagle service in the Bay Area. Mr. Fukumoto has been with American Airlines for many years and has served in diverse capacities and locations, including contract sales and services manager, field business planning analyst, and budgets and cost control analyst.

To achieve the goals of the federal Workforce Investment Act, the SVWIN board works collaboratively to link effective job training for individuals with workforce development for employers. Creating these linkages is critical to ensuring that our residents are prepared with the appropriate skills and training as they enter or return to the job market.